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Community shines in annual CFC-O campaign

Military, civilians donate \$50,000 more to charities

By Capt. David Westover
374th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

The Samurai and Kensei Warriors were awarded for their charitable side during the annual Combined Federal Campaign-Overseas awards ceremony held here Monday at the Enlisted Club's Osawa Ballroom.

Senior leadership from the 374th Airlift Wing joined together with CFC unit representatives and base community members to recognize the efforts of the base's annual philanthropic campaign that took place during the final quarter of 2004.

"Yokota Air Base led the way in the Pacific," said Melissa Kidder, Director of Combined Federal Campaign-Overseas. "It is amazing that nearly 60 percent of base's potential contributors donated to the CFC this year -- that's incredible when compared to the installation average of about 32 percent."

Yokota's participation rate rose from 37 percent in 2003 to 58 percent in 2004.

"Instead of trying to convince people to increase the dollar amount of their donations, we focused on getting more people

to contribute, even if it were smaller amounts," said 1st Lt. Ken Raszinski, the wing's CFC project officer. "Rather than spending three dollars on an expensive coffee everyday, or for the cost of monthly cell phone service, we raised the community's awareness of how a little financial discipline could go a long way to help those in need."

Not only did Yokota have the highest participation rate among Air Force bases in Japan, the base exceeded last year's total CFC contributions by more than \$50,000. In addition, Yokota achieved these accomplishments with 400 fewer employees than last year. Also, the average per capita contribution went up from \$79 to \$100.

The following units earned platinum awards for exceeding the average contribution per potential donor amount of \$200 or for exceeding the unit participation rate of 85 percent: 374th Security Forces Squadron, 374th Aerospace Medicine Squadron, 459th Airlift Squadron, USAF Band of the Pacific-Asia, Defense Threat Reduction Agency, Air Force Audit Agency



photo by Airman Javier Cruz

Col. Mark Schissler, 374th Airlift Wing commander (center), is joined by Melissa Kidder, Combined Federal Campaign-Overseas director (right), 1st Lt. Ken Raszinski, CFC project officer (left) and Capt Paul Talley, CFC-assistant project officer (far left) and several CFC unit representatives during Monday's annual CFC awards ceremony.

and Army-Air Force Exchange Service.

"I am truly amazed at the number of award recipients," said Ms. Kidder during the ceremony. "With the exception of only two units, every base unit received a plaque today."

The ceremony concluded with Col. Mark Schissler, 374th Airlift Wing commander, presenting the Air Force Achievement Medal to Lt. Raszinski for his outstanding leadership and dedication to the CFC-Overseas campaign here at Yokota.

Security Forces enlists new weapons to deter DUIs

Equipment includes two portable units

By 1st Lt. Ben Alumbaugh
374th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

The stakes just got higher for the men and women here at Yokota.

The 374th Airlift Wing Security Forces Squadron recently acquired some new tools to further detect if individuals have been drinking and driving.

Two hand-held Lifeloc FC20 alcohol-detection units and the Intoxilyzer 8000 have been introduced into the arsenal of weapons security forces uses to deter incidents of drinking and driving on base.

"All three pieces of equipment are highly mobile," said Master Sgt. Timothy Fearney, 374th Security Forces Squadron. "The hand-held units pas-

sively detect alcohol in the air, even without a suspected individual blowing into the machine."

In 2004, Yokota reduced the numbers of DUIs by 56 percent. And to try to decrease the number even further this year, Col. Mark Schissler, 374th Airlift Wing commander, purchased the state-of-the-art equipment for the squadron. He bought the \$8,000 Intoxilyzer 8000 when he realized the squadron could not afford to upgrade its older equipment.

"The old unit wasn't working as well as it should have," said Colonel Schissler. "I had talked with the SFS commander and money was a factor, so I used my own commander's focus funds to

get it here right away."

"This will deter people," said the colonel. "That's our goal...to be a strong deterrent, to prevent the behavior, not apprehend people, but rather to deter them from drinking and driving in the first place."

With the new equipment being extremely portable, Airmen can expect SFS members at any point in the day to randomly check for the presence of alcohol. The Lifeloc FC20s are hand-held and easily fit into a pocket, so any SFS member can carry one while on duty. The Intoxilyzer 8000 isn't handheld, but it can be easily transported in a vehicle.

"I'm convinced we'll make the roads safer," said Colonel Schissler. "These are pieces of



photo by 1st Lt. Ben Alumbaugh

Staff Sgt. Jason Pringle, 374th Airlift Wing Security Forces, blows into a tube of the Intoxilyzer 8000 during a demonstration of the new alcohol detecting equipment unveiled at the security forces building. The squadron recently received two hand-held Lifeloc FC20 units and one Intoxilyzer 8000. The equipment is part of the continuing command emphasis on preventing drinking and driving.

police hardware that will make us better at what we do."

"I intend to continue to place a lot of emphasis on drinking

and driving prevention," said the colonel. "It's for the safety of the entire Yokota community."

DOD offers variety of job opportunities

By Rudi Williams
American Forces Press Service

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AFPN) – Human resources specialist Linda K. Stouffer said when she visits college campuses, she tells students the Defense Department is “the ‘employer of choice,’ and our job is to support America’s defense around the world.”

Ms. Stouffer, who works for the DOD civilian personnel management services defense applicant assistance office, said DOD has jobs “from A to Z.”

“Out of about 800 occupations within the federal government, you’ll find jobs in DOD in about 700 of those occupations,” she said.

The most critical skill needs for DOD in the next two years are engineers, administration and program management, education, security and protection, accounting and budget, information technology and physical sciences, according to a Partnership for Public Service study.

DOD components also offer many intern, co-op and entry-level professional development career programs, as well as support for graduate fellowships and scholarships in career fields where there is high demand for well-qualified candidates, Ms. Stouffer said.

Job seekers can call (888) 363-4872. The TTY number is (703) 696-5436.

(Courtesy of Air Force Print News. Visit www.af.mil for the entire story.)



Putting in a little elbow grease

Airman First Class Willie Anderson, a mechanic from the 374th Maintenance Squadron, T56 Engine Regional Repair Center, Yokota Air Base, Japan, uses a hydraulic press to install shaft seals on a C-130 propeller assembly during routine inspection here. The center handles all C-130 cargo aircraft engine repair in Pacific Air Forces. Their mission is to provide ready engine and propeller support to guarantee U.S. airlift and Special Operation presence and crisis response in the region. (photo by Master Sgt. Val Gempis)

Heart Link helps Air Force spouses

Family Support Center sponsors program to increase awareness

Information courtesy of
Family Support Center

Spouses are invited to gear up for some basic military education March 29.

The Family Support Center is hosting an orientation workshop for new spouses of active-duty members here called “Heart Link.”

The program is designed to strengthen our young military families’ abilities to adapt to the

military lifestyle.

“Spouses are a critical part of the Air Force team and families can directly enhance our mission readiness,” said FSC officials. “The overall objective of the program is to increase retention of members in the Air Force by increasing spouse awareness of the Air Force mission, customs, traditions, protocol, and support resources and services available to them. This will enable spouses to make bet-

ter use of the community resources supporting them and their families.”

The Heart Link workshop will include several topics including “You and the Air Force: Where You Fit In,” “Introduction to the Air Force Family,” and “Tool Kit for Preparedness.”

The workshop includes an interactive program, games, incentive gifts, and a visit from the 374th Airlift Wing commander or vice commander.

“The theme, Heart Link, was chosen to reinforce the belief by many that the spouse is the heart of the Air Force,” said support

center officials. “The spouse plays a central role in the mental, emotional and physical well-being of the sponsor. They link and support the family during deployments and separations, and are often considered key to personal preparedness and mission effectiveness.”

All participants must register to attend. Childcare assistance is available to participants.

This program is sponsored and supported by the base Community Action Information Board, Integrated Delivery System team, and volunteers. For more information or to reserve a seat, call 225-8725.

Americans reach out, help Afghans: KABUL, Afghanistan (AFPN) – With the generosity of people in the

United States, coalition troops here were able to make the lives of 30 Afghan families a little better Feb. 22.

Beginning in November, Soldiers of the 105th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment received donations from their families and churches back home. More than 30 boxes of supplies, including toiletries, clothing, food, toys, school supplies and blankets, were received in the succeeding months.

Volunteers throughout Combined Forces Command-Afghanistan gathered to organize the boxes to hand out to families who needed the items. The supplies were greatly appreciated because of the cold weather the families have been enduring, officials said.

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B-1 software, munition tests completed: EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. (AFPN) – A B-1B Lancer test program that combined testing of software upgrades along with integrating the 500-pound Joint Direct Attack Munition, or GBU-38, wrapped up here Feb. 24.

Airmen of the 419th Flight Test Squadron completed the last software test sortie Feb. 22 in a flight to the Utah Test and Training Range that accomplished test points ranging from radar targeting to weapons employment, said Capt. Paul Harmer, the lead flight test engineer.

In the final munition test flight Feb. 24, testers released six inert GBU-38 JDAMs in four flyover passes at the Naval Air Warfare Center at China Lake, Calif.

a very selfish reason,” a top Defense Department equal employment opportunity official told administrators and presidents of historically black colleges and universities.

“We’re trying to make your programs enhanced, more connecting with what DOD does. (We want) your programs to posture themselves for more use of DOD dollars so you can attract more students,” said Clarence A. Johnson, director of DOD’s civilian equal employment opportunity program.

“We’re (holding) a technical assistance workshop,” Mr. Johnson said, “and we’re talking to historically black colleges and universities administrators and staff about business and employment opportunities within DOD.”

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Program 'talks' to students, parents

'Let's Talk' offers pointers on growing up, education

By Airman 1st Class
Katie Thomas
Editor

Yokota Middle School has something to talk about with students and parents.

The school is inviting all community members to an evening of health and internet education along with a complimentary potluck dinner.

The event will be held in the

middle school cafeteria Thursday from 5 to 8 p.m.

The event, "Let's Talk," features briefings from subject-matter experts from several base organizations. A Health and Wellness Center representative will speak on exercising and nutrition for middle school children. The 374th Medical Group's pediatrics section will also be represented and speak on assorted health issues.

Additional briefings will be given by a representative of the Civilian Adjudication Program to speak on base regulations. School psychologists will speak on their services and programs also. There will be a special introduction to a new curriculum during "Let's Talk." Yokota East and West Elementary, and the high school and middle school are implementing a new curriculum to about internet safety.

i-SAFE is a federally-mandated program that schools across the United States and military installations have initiated this year. The program

is designed to educate and empower youth to take control of their internet experience, preventing students from attack by online threats, said YMS officials.

Topics in the curriculum for middle school students include personal safety, computer viruses, plagiarism and theft of intellectual property, and law enforcement and internet safety.

Parents are highly encouraged to learn the i-SAFE curriculum along with their children to maximize the curriculum's benefits, said YMS officials.

For more information, call the middle school at 225-9671.

Longer deployments affect key personnel

By Master Sgt. David Byron
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON – Air Force officials are designating some positions in U.S. Central Command's area of responsibility as 365-day extended deployments in an effort to provide stability and allow for long-term relationship building with host governments.

The new tour lengths will affect only about 200 key and critical operational and joint task force staff positions, officials said. People in the remaining positions will serve in the current air and space expeditionary force structure.

Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. Jumper directed the extended tours in response to requests from joint task force commanders seeking continuity in selected positions, often where the local culture requires more time to establish meaningful ties with local people and host governments.

These key positions are an integral part of a combatant commander's mission and the AEF structure. No new positions will be created; they will be converted from current AEF slots.

"The positions will span a wide spectrum of Air Force career fields," said Lt. Col. James Davis, Air Force assignment classification, re-

tirements and separation policy chief. "There will be a good mix of enlisted and officer positions, mainly mid-level and up."

Air Force Personnel Center officials will take the lead in finding people to fill most of the slots. Air Force Senior Leader Management Office officials will handle requirements for colonel and chief master sergeant positions, he said.

Colonel Davis said selections would be made during the course of the upcoming spring and summer assignment cycles with all being in place by August 2005.

(Visit www.af.mil for the entire story. Courtesy of Air Force Print News)

Bank of America affected by loss of travel card data

By Jim Garamone
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON (AFPN) – About 900,000 Defense Department employees may be affected by Bank of America's loss and the possible compromise of government travel card information, Pentagon officials said.

The General Services Administration and Bank of America notified DOD officials that "SmartPay" travel cards are affected. Officials said Bank of America has been monitoring the affected accounts, and there has been no evidence of fraud or misuse of the accounts. Bank of America officials are sending letters to affected employees.

The information is personal cardholder information -- names, Social Security numbers, addresses and account numbers -- on magnetic tape. The loss occurred in late December. GSA officials notified DOD on Jan. 19. Ms. McKay said the delay was necessary to protect the integrity of the investigation.

Bank of America has set up a hotline for those affected. The number is (800) 493-8444.

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Seeing goodness in the combat zone

Deployed wing chaplain reflects on experiences in Operation Iraqi Freedom

(Editor's note: The author of this commentary is the current 374th Airlift Wing chaplain. He is deployed to Balad Air Base, Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.)

By Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Gary Linsky
332nd Airlift Expeditionary Wing

BALAD AIR BASE, Iraq – Earlier this month I preached on the Beatitudes, the beautiful teaching Jesus gave to his followers on the Mount of Olives, which outlines how his followers should be. In my teaching, preaching and counseling, I have often suggested that these nuggets found in the fifth chapter of the Gospel of Matthew are a central means for us to examine our conscience, to see if our lives reflect the central values of our faith.

Living out one's faith is both an extremely personal act as well as a public one. Indeed, as an Air Force chaplain and a Roman Catholic priest, I am very aware that my life is constantly being scrutinized for its consistency with what I purport to be and represent to others.

While I hope for that consistency, I am very aware of my own imperfections and can only hope that these do not cause others to either lose faith or stumble in their own journeys with God.

But it is the Beatitudes that have struck me in my ministry at Balad – especially these particular words of Jesus: "Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God." So many times we think of purity as simply abstaining from inappropriate sexual conduct. But it really means something far more. It is meant to reflect an

innocence or simplicity of life that has no barriers, that is filled with zero pretense. It is in the pure of heart that we see mirrored back to us the very love of God. Realistically, our world is troubled. We serve in a country that has been wracked by civil discord for decades. Thousands have lost their lives in wars initiated by Iraq's former rulers as well as in periods of so-called peace. Some were even murdered in the sports stadium many have seen on this base and more continue to die in this present conflict. Yet, in the midst of this, in the faces of those serving here, I have seen the "pure in heart."

Many times, it has been in the person of an Army specialist or Marine sergeant lying gravely injured in the Hospital, struggling with his pain and perhaps having lost a limb. I would have expected to have sensed anger, or to have heard the question,

"Why, Father." Instead, on so many occasions, it's been, "Father, please pray for my men, my company, my brothers." Or, "Father, I've just got to get well, to get back. They need me and I

simply can't let them down." It's not only the injured that have shown their innocence but the healthy as well. The men and women standing at attention to honor the dead at a Patriot Detail; the guys at the motor pool covered in grease not quitting until a vehicle works; security policemen patiently checking IDs. We all are aware of our sins and failures and maybe there are things we'd like to take care of before we're called to see the face of God. But even now, in the muck, mud and dust that is Balad, much is good. We're all here for a period of time. That time can end with a departure or much more.

Lent is for many a time to reflect, to ponder and to change, and the desert is perhaps the best place to celebrate it. At least for now, removed from many of the things that may set us back at home stations, we have an opportunity to reflect on the realities that face us. May we see in them a chance for purity and live this virtue as a means of honoring not only the wounded and fallen, but ourselves, our country and our God.

IG: Taking care of business everyday

By Master Sgt. Edwin Holland
374th Airlift Wing Inspector General office

Most people are aware that their wing has an Inspector General office. They may also be aware that this office conducts investigations into allegations of wrongdoing on behalf of the wing commander.

However, conducting investigations is not the only role of the IG, as not every complaint made to the IG office results in an investigation.

The process begins when the IG receives a concern or issue either by telephone, fax, mail, email, in person or anonymously. If the concern was received via fax, e-mail, or mail, the IG is required to confirm receipt within five duty days. Anonymous complaints are looked into in the same manner as these other complaints, but we will never try to confirm receipt.

The next step in the process is conducting an analysis of the concern or issue. This is where IG evaluates the allegations of wrongdoing and determines what action is appropriate: investigate, assist, dismiss, transfer or refer. If the decision is to

dismiss, refer or transfer, the IG will provide a letter to the complainant closing the matter. If the concern or issue violated a policy, procedure, law or regulation and is not best addressed within the chain of command, then the IG may conduct a formal investigation. The complainant will receive notification about the investigation and also a status update every 45 days until the investigation is completed.

A transfer of complaint occurs when the local IG office determines that another IG is more appropriate to handle the complaint. For example, our IG office frequently transfers cases to other air wings because the complaints involve persons and programs within those wings. Complaint transfer is not a promise of investigation—the receiving IG will conduct its own analysis to determine the action. If a case transfers to another IG office, your local IG cannot provide updates on the status of your concern or issue. That responsibility falls to the IG office that is working the case.

Assistance is provided when there is no recognizable wrong, but IG involvement may facilitate solving the issue. An assist could

encompass the following: making phone calls, asking questions, soliciting information from appropriate offices or agencies, or putting complainants in touch with people, offices or agencies who can address their concern. A large percentage of the complaints we address are handled as assists.

Referral is used to get the complaint to a more appropriate agency. We normally request a copy of the agency's response to confirm the case has closed. Cases may be referred to commanders, in part, because commanders possess more knowledge of unit personnel and processes. It is your privilege to visit the IG without first using your chain of command, but please know that most often it is the commander who can resolve concerns and issues quickly and efficiently.

The IG will dismiss complaints when an assist or referral is not appropriate, and there is no evidence of wrongdoing.

Please visit the local IG office if you have issues that cannot be resolved within your command chain.

For further information, see our web page at <https://wwwmil.yokota.af.mil>.



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.049 or less = car parked for 12 hours
.05-.079 = 6 months walking
.081-.149 = 1 year walking
0.15 or greater = 2 years walking

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Col. Mark Schissler
374th Airlift Wing Commander

Yokota hosts more than U.S. Forces-Japan, Fifth Air Force and several tenant units. The base also supports the very unique mission of the U.S. Coast Guard in the Pacific from ...

Tokyo to the China Sea

**By Chief Warrant Officer
Scott Chroninger**
U.S. Coast Guard
Activities Far East

Hidden among the many squadrons, flights, and tenant commands at Yokota is an office of U.S. Coast Guard personnel operating from Building 714, home of U.S. Forces-Japan and Fifth Air Force.

The U.S. Coast Guard Activities Far East was established in 1994 to maintain a Coast Guard presence in Japan

and throughout the Far East, Indian Ocean, and Oceania regions.

The unit has grown to double its original size after the events of September 11, 2001. Previously, a Coast Guard presence

was maintained throughout the region for the operation and maintenance of the LORAN-C navigation system. This system is no longer supported by the U.S. Coast Guard and has been replaced by the Global Positioning System.

Activity

Far East's primary missions include International Affairs, Marine Safety, International Port Security, and National Security. Recently, International Ship and Port Security Code and the Maritime Transportation Safety Act has been added to unit's multi-mission role in the Pacific.

In support of this new mission, additional personnel have been attached to the unit here and a detachment in Singapore.

Recently, members of Activities Far East visited a newly constructed oil production facility in South Korea. The project aims to recover up to 575 million barrels of oil equivalent and is expected to cost \$2 billion.

When final installation is complete, the "Atlantis" project will set a world record for being permanently moored in the deepest water. It will weigh an-

chor to approximately 7,000 feet and displace more than 80,000 gallons of water. Atlantis is expected to produce nearly 150,000 barrels of oil per day when it is operational.

Inspectors from the Coast Guard unit here have been visiting this facility during the construction.

For more than one year, the inspectors have watched every system be placed into this facility with particular focus on inspecting and approving firefighting and life-saving systems before oilfield workers can man the facility.

Inspectors from Activities Far East traveled monthly from Yokota to Okpo, South Korea to review processes and inspect completed work.

From determining how many fire hoses to place on each deck to the approval and proper installation of the unique smoke

control system to verification of proper bulkhead penetrations and installation of structural fire protection materials, the inspectors must ensure that the facility is properly constructed by the shipyard.

The facility will be transported by a heavy-lift ship to the Gulf of Mexico where it will be employed for the production of crude oil.

Atlantis will find its final resting place in Green Canyon, Gulf of Mexico, under the watchful eyes of Coast Guard Marine Safety Office Morgan City, Louisiana.

Previous offshore production projects included Matterhorn, Brutus, Nakika, Thunder Horse, Devils Dominion Tower, Magnolia, and Deepwater Nautilus which represent thousands of inspection man-hours and tens of billions of dollars invested.



courtesy photos

U.S. Coast Guard Activities Far East inspect a propulsion system on a drydocked Naval ship in Singapore. Top of page, Coast Guardsmen inspect a docked vessel in Nantong, China.

AD

Off base

March 13: A fire-walking festival is scheduled at Mt. Takao in Tokyo. No reservations are needed to attend the event.

March 31 through April 3: The Tokyo Big Sight is hosting the Tokyo International Anime Fair. For more information, visit www.taf.metro.tokyo.jp/en/index.html.

For more information about these events, contact the 374th Airlift Wing Public Affairs office at 225-7020.

On base

Movies

Today – *Fat Albert*, PG, 7 p.m., *Constantine*, R, 9:30 p.m.

Saturday – *Fat Albert*, PG, 2 p.m., *White Noise*, PG-13, 7 p.m., *Constantine*, R, 9:30 p.m. (Adult only showing)

Sunday – *White Noise*, PG-13, 2 p.m., *Constantine*, R, 7 p.m.

Monday – *White Noise*, PG-13, 7 p.m.

Tuesday – *Fat Albert*, PG, 7 p.m.

Wednesday – *Constantine*, R, 7 p.m.

Thursday – *White Noise*, PG-13, 7 p.m.

All movies and showtimes are subject to change without notice. For more information, call 225-8708.

Airman's call

The command chief master sergeant of the 374th Airlift Wing is hosting an Airman's call Tuesday at the Taiyo Recreation Center at 3 p.m. for all Air Force junior enlisted stationed at Yokota. Mass transportation is available at the base dining facility parking lot at 2:15, 2:30 and 2:45 p.m.

Japanese class

The Base Training and Educa-

tion Services is holding a lunchtime Japanese conversational course for adults April 9 through June 9. Registration beginning March 21 for military members and March 28 for civilians. The cost is \$10 per person. For more information, call 225-7337 or visit BTES in building 314.

Volunteer recognition

The Family Support Center is accepting nomination packages for the 2004 Annual Volunteer Recognition Awards through March 16. For more information or to pick up a nomination package, call 225-8725 or the visit the FSC.

Bazaars

The Yokota High School Parent-Teacher Organization* is having an Asian bazaar Saturday and Sunday at the high school's media center.

The 374th Services Division is sponsoring a bazaar at the Yujo Recreation Center March 19 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The bazaar will feature antiques and collectibles from more than 30 vendors.

New hours

The 374th Medical Group cashier's cage is open Mondays from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Tuesdays through Fridays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The cashier's cage will be closed daily from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and the second Friday of each month. It will have limited services during base exercises.

AFVEC

The Air Force Virtual Education Center has moved its internet site to the Air Force Portal site at <https://www.my.af.mil/afvecprod>. Students will be prompted to re-register information from the AFVEC site during their initial sign-on. For more information, call 225-7337.

Meetings

The Yokota Enlisted Spouses Club* is hosting a membership meeting Monday at the Enlisted Club at 6:30 p.m. The meeting includes speakers, games and family activities. The club is open to active-duty enlisted and civilian equivalent personnel and their spouses. For more information, e-mail yokotaesc@hotmail.com.

The Sons of Hawaii Club* is holding a monthly meeting March 19 at building 3220 beginning at 6:30 p.m. All community members are able to attend this meeting. For more information, call 225-2372 or 225-2877.

The Asian-American Pacific Islanders Heritage Month Committee is holding a meeting at the Yujo Recreation Center Tuesday at 10 a.m. For more information, call 225-4126.

Talent showcase

The Enlisted Club is hosting "The Gong Show," a talent showcase, March 26 at 8 p.m. Community members can sign up to participate in the show through March 18 at the club's customer service counter. Cash prizes will be awarded. For more information, call 227-8820.

NAF sale

A NAF sale is scheduled for March 25 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in warehouse building 4084 next to Auto Skills. The sale will include items from lodging, the Enlisted and Officers' Club, Par 3 Golf, Outdoor Recreation and more.

Tax season

The Yokota Tax Center is open in Tower 3002 in the west housing area. The center will be open Mondays through Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Community members who are filing 1040EZs will be seen on a first come, first serve basis. Community members who are filing all other forms must make an appointment. For more information, call 225-4926.

Volunteers are needed to serve as unit tax assistants. Community

Samurai Warrior



of the Week



**Airman 1st Class
Christopher Curry**

Airman 1st Class Christopher Curry, 374th Operations Support Squadron, is this week's Samurai Warrior of the Week for displaying the Bushido qualities of courage and a duty to defend the honor of one's name and guild.

Airman Curry is an Airfield Management Operations Coordinator and is responsible for ensuring Yokota's airfield is managed safely. While deployed to Kirkuk Air Base, Iraq, he tested more than 200 personnel on flightline driving, conducted more than 300 airfield checks, and coordinated airfield logistics for top military and government official visits with base leadership.

members are encouraged to support this program. Military volunteers should contact their first sergeant and civilian volunteers should contact the base legal office at 225-8069.

Scholarship

The Yokota Officers' Spouses Club* is sponsoring scholarships for SOFA-sponsored Yokota High School seniors and continuing education spouses who will attend college in the fall. Interested applicants can visit the YOSC Web site at <http://www.yosc.org>. For more information, call 227-3170 or e-mail isbetkijima@hotmail.com.

Earth Day

The 374th Civil Engineer's environmental flight is hosting the 7th Annual Earth Week celebration April 1 and 2. The celebration includes a logo contest, poster display, soil samplings, environmental information, and demonstrations by Japanese companies. Topics will include wastewater treatment, energy conservation and more. For more information or to volunteer to help, call 225-5440.

Chapel Schedule

Traditional (West) Chapel

Catholic: Reconciliation, Sundays at 8:45 a.m., 4:45 p.m. and by appointment. Mass, Sundays at 9:15 a.m., 5 p.m.; Mondays through Thursdays, 11:30 a.m.

Protestant: Traditional service, Sundays at 11 a.m.; Liturgical service Sundays at 6:30 p.m.; Korean service, Sundays at 2 p.m.

Other faiths: Baha'i, Tuesdays at 7 p.m.

Contemporary (East) Chapel

Protestant: Gospel service, Sundays at 11 a.m.; Contemporary service, Sundays at 5 p.m.

Other faiths: Seventh Day Adventist, second and fourth Saturdays of the month at 9 a.m.; Islam, Fridays at noon.

For more information on the chapel schedule, call 225-7009 during duty hours.

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Did you know?

The Skills Development Center has been renamed to the Yokota Services Arts and Crafts Center.

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“Quotes” & Things

“Andre Dawson has a bruised knee and is listed as day-today. Aren’t we all?”

Vin Scully

Closures: Yokota and Wilkins Fields are off-limits until March 14, and the youth fields are off-limits until March 7. Maintenance is being accomplished on the fields for the upcoming baseball season.

The base natatorium will be closed March 10 from 5 to 11:30 a.m. for water survival training.

Football: The Yokota Raiders tackle football team is looking for new players, coaches and managerial staff. The first meeting will be in February. All SOFA-status personnel are welcome to participate. For more information, e-mail jacob.dowdell@yokota.af.mil or wolff.j@poem.ocn.ne.jp.

Golf: The Ladies Pro/Am Golf Tournament is scheduled for March 26 at Tama Hills Golf Course. The cost is \$50 per person. For more information or to sign up, call 224-3426.

Natatorium: The base natatorium is hosting an underwater egg hunt and duck derby March 26 at 10 a.m. Children ages six to 16 are eligible to participate. Community members must sign up by March 25. The celebration includes prizes, cake and refreshments. For more information, call 225-6133.

Bowling: The Comptroller Association is hosting a bowling tournament at Tomodachi Lanes March 25. Five-man teams can compete to win prizes. The cost is \$10 per person. Teams must register by March 18 to participate. For more information or to sign up, call 225-8456 or 225-5850.

Services ‘rassles’ up entertainment



ICW wrestlers visit community

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International Championship Wrestling had an exhibition here Saturday.

The wrestlers signed autographs and performed in two shows for fans Saturday and Sunday.

The shows included a Japanese drum demonstration team playing inside the ring. Matches include: The Patriot vs. Demolition, Michelle Morgan vs. Sara Del Rey, Native Bloods vs. the Ballard Brothers from Canada, Virgil vs. Doink the Clown, and Norman Smiley vs. Disco Inferno. The main match pitted Billy Gunn against A-Train, which ended in victory for Billy Gunn.

The ICW wrestlers also had lunch with Yokota fans at the Enlisted Club Feb. 25, greeting and signing autographs for young and old.

The ICW shows were sponsored by the 374th Services Division.

Left, Billy Gunn shows A-Train who is boss with a clothesline Saturday at the Taiyo Recreation Center. Bottom left, Demolition takes a beating from the Patriot. Below, Yokota Airmen cheer on the Native Bloods and the Ballard Brothers during a doubles match at the International Championship Wrestling show here Saturday night.



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